



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT GENERAL LANCE W. LORD



Lt. Gen. Lance W. Lord is assistant vice chief of staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He is responsible for the organization and administration of the Air Staff, serves as deputy chairman of the Air Force council, and is the Air Force accreditation official for the Corps of Air Attachés.

The general entered the Air Force in 1969 as a graduate of the Otterbein College Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He completed a series of Air Staff and Department of Defense-level assignments in strategic missiles after serving four years of alert duty with the Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic missile force. He has served as commandant of Squadron Officer School and directed the Ground-Launched Cruise Missile Program Management Office in Europe. He was a military assistant to the director of net assessment with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and represented the Air Force as a research associate in international security affairs at Ohio State University.

During assignments in North Dakota and Wyoming, the general commanded missile wings operating the Minuteman III and Peacekeeper weapon systems. In California he commanded a space wing responsible for West Coast satellite launch and ballistic missile test launch operations. He also served as director of plans at Headquarters Air Force Space Command, commander of 2nd Air Force and vice commander for Air Force Space Command. Prior to assuming his current position, the general was the commander of Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and director of education for Air Education and Training Command.

#### EDUCATION:

- 1968 Bachelor of science degree in education, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio
- 1972 Master's degree in industrial management, University of North Dakota
- 1974 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1979 Distinguished graduate, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1988 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 1992 Capstone Course, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. January 1969 - February 1969, student, ICBM operational readiness training, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.
2. February 1969 - May 1969, student, combat crew missile training, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
3. May 1969 - June 1973, Minuteman II combat crewmember, 321st Strategic Missile Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

4. June 1973 - September 1975, Minuteman II evaluation member, 3901st Strategic Missile Evaluation Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
5. September 1975 - August 1976, missile operations staff officer, Air Staff Training Program, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
6. August 1976 - July 1978, missile operations staff officer, Strategic Division, Directorate of Operations and Readiness, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
7. July 1978 - July 1979, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
8. July 1979 - July 1982, military assistant to the director for net assessment, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C.
9. July 1982 - July 1983, Air Force research associate, Program of International Security and Military Affairs, Ohio State University, Columbus
10. July 1983 - August 1984, commander, 10th Strategic Missile Squadron, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.
11. August 1984 - June 1985, deputy commander, 341st Combat Support Group, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.
12. July 1985 - July 1987, director, Ground-Launched Cruise Missile Program Management Office, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, West Germany
13. July 1987 - June 1988, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
14. June 1988 - February 1989, vice commander, 351st Strategic Missile Wing, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.
15. February 1989 - May 1990, commander, 321st Strategic Missile Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.
16. June 1990 - August 1992, commandant, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
17. August 1992 - August 1993, commander, 90th Missile Wing, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.
18. August 1993 - August 1995, commander, 30th Space Wing and Western Range, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.
19. August 1995 - August 1996, director of plans, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
20. August 1996 - August 1997, commander, 2nd Air Force, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.
21. August 1997 - June 1999, vice commander, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
22. June 1999 - May 2001, commander, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
23. May 2001 - present, assistant vice chief of staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Distinguished Service Medal  
Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters  
Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster  
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster  
Combat Readiness Medal  
National Defense Service Medal with service star

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1988 Secretary of the Air Force Leadership Award, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
1999 Gen. Thomas D. White Space Trophy, Air Force Association

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	Dec 4, 1968
First Lieutenant	Jul 28, 1970
Captain	Jan 28, 1972
Major	Sep 1, 1978
Lieutenant Colonel	Dec 1, 1982
Colonel	Dec 1, 1985
Brigadier General	Sep 1, 1992
Major General	Mar 14, 1996
Lieutenant General	Sep 1, 1997

(Current as of June 2001)